Development (1928) Department

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G.O. No. 1889

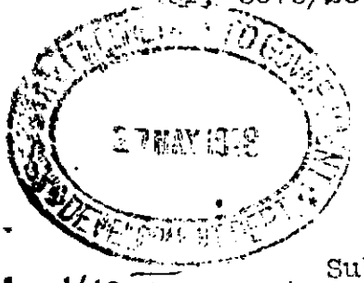
DATED 6-11-1928.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Forest-

Buildings - D.F.O's quarters at Bangalore - Planting of shade trees Chief Conservator's proposals - orders passed.

Ref. 3573/28-1 dated 22-5-28.



District Forest Officer's quarters on the Kadri Hill - Bangalore - Proposal to plant trees in the compound.

Submitted to Government

Dw 1613 I
28-5-28

2. It is essential that trees be planted in the compounds of the District Forest Officer's bungalows at Bangalore and it is requested that the proposal may be sanctioned.

3. If Government are pleased to sanction the proposal the Conservator, Sixth Circle will prescribe exactly what species are to be used and the District Forest Officers will be allowed to enjoy the usufruct of the trees with effect from 1-4-1929 provided the compounds are maintained at their cost and the pay of the gardeners and all garden expenses are borne by them.

4. The funds required to meet the expenditure during 1928-29 will be met by reappropriation.

5. It is also requested that the Forest Engineer's action in having spared the sum of Rs200/- during 1927-28 for the planting work from the grant for the construction of the quarters may be approved.

C. Sharma 25.5
Conservator.

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25/5.

Copy of letter Ref. No. [illegible] dated 20th [illegible]
from the District Forest Officer, North Kanara.

Subject: District Forest Officer's quarters on the [illegible]
Hill - Mangalore - Proposals to plant trees in the [illegible]

The Chief Conservator of Forests inspected the site of the District Forest Officer's quarters on the Kadri hill, Mangalore, in November 1926, and instructed me to plant trees in the compound. The bungalows are exposed and on an arid site. Planting is certainly quite essential. It will be mainly for the purpose of [illegible] shade for the compound.

2. In the revised plan of operations for 1927-28 submitted on 19-5-1927 I provided for a sum of Rs.100/- planting the compound. The Conservator remarked in his Ref. C. No. M. 1332/27 dated 24-6-1927 that the expenditure in connection with planting the compound, should not be a charge on the District Budget, and ordered me to address the Forest Engineer as to whether he would be able to do the work from the savings in the amount sanctioned for the construction of the quarters. The Forest Engineer's reply was not received in time, and I provided for a sum of Rs.200/- in the Budget for 1928-29 for planting the compound of the District Forest Officer's quarters, as directed in the Conservator's order Ref. No. M. 1332/27 dated 1-9-1927. The Forest Engineer has since expressed that he can spare Rs100/- for each quarters for planting and has also forwarded two cheques for Rs100/- each, with instructions to incur ~~the~~ expenditure and debit it to the work of "Construction of the District Forest Officer's quarters at Mangalore - Estimate Rs37,200/-". Both the cheques have been endorsed in favour of the Range Officer Mangalore, with instructions to dig pits in 1927-28 for planting in 1928-29. The work is now in progress.

3. As the cheques were received only in October 1927, nothing beyond digging pits could be done [illegible] 150 pits (4' x 4' x 4') will be dug during the [illegible]

in the compound of a residential building. I therefore, request that the sanction of Government may be kindly obtained in the circumstances stated above.

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Endt. of the Collector, Mangalore, L.Dis. 1996/28 dated 28-2-28.

Forwarded.

I am strongly in favour of planting trees as soon as possible though what will grow is a problem. I have discussed the plan with Mr. Habibullah and it may be regarded as our joint effort. It will indeed be the irony of fate that in the South Kanara District the D.F.O's inhabit bungalows built on bare rock and must go to camp to know the shade of a tree and no doubt it will encourage camping!

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Endt. of the Conservator, Sixth Circle thereon Ref.No.M. 2879/27 dated 12-4-1928

Forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

On receipt of the District Forest Officer's letter and plans (which are the joint production of the District Forest Officers and Mr. Gamme) it appeared to me that the compound would be packed to excess with trees; and I therefore inspected the area at the end of March.

2. As the result of inspection I am inclined to forward the proposals with my blessing, and not to interfere with a matter which concerns primarily the District Forest Officers.

3. The pits have already been dug to receive the trees when next planting season commences. The soil varies from magnificient firm laterite to light gravel and sandy loam. In the majority of the pits the trees will no doubt survive; but there will be many failures no doubt and the provision of so many pits will militate in favour of obtaining a sufficient but not excessive number of survivals.

4. Certainly trees are needed; the [illegible]

Development Department.

O. M. No 1613-I/28-1 dated 22.6.28

Ref:- C.C's letter No 3573/28-1 dated 22-5-28. Planting trees- compoun of the D.F.Os' quarters, Mangalore.

In his letter read above the C.C. suggests that if the Government are pleased to sanction the proposals of planting trees, the D.F.Os will be allowed to enjoy the usufruct of the trees with effect from 1-4-29, provided ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ they pay the gardeners and meet the other necessary expenses. The Government observe that the C.C's suggestion mentioned above will not work well for the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ following reasons:-

(1) it is not likely that the D.F.Os will get any usufruct from 1-4-29, as it may take some years before the trees yield any fruits.

(2) the consent of the present occupants are not of much use as they are liable to be transferred and these who succeed may not agree to the present arrangement as it is not binding on them.

The C.C. is requested to report whether he has considered the difficulties pointed out above and if so how he proposes to meet them.

2. He is also requested to report what will be the total expenditure for planting trees as ~~x~~ recommended in his ~~x~~ letter read above.

To
The C.C.F.

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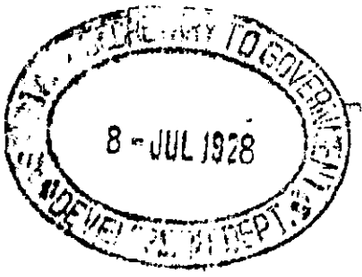
Office of the Chief Conservator of [illegible]

No. Dev. No. 3573/28-3.

Thepauk, Madras, dated the 5th July, 1928



From

R.D. Richmond Esquire, I.F.S.,
Ag. Chief Conservator of Forests,
Thepauk, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort Saint George, Madras.

Sir,

Subject: Planting trees - compound of the District Forest Officer's quarters, Pan lore

p6 supra

Refce: Government Memo No. 1813-I/28-1 dated the 22rd June, 1928.

Para 1(1) of the Memorandum. It is submitted that it is shade which is the final object of the trees, not fruit. The latter was only mentioned in order to avoid possible correspondence in the future should fruit become available. Not all the trees proposed for planting are fruit-trees and the income from fruit is never likely to be a large sum. The planting of graft mangoes has been specifically forbidden.

2. Para 1(2) of the Memorandum. The provision "provided the compounds are maintained at their cost and the pay of the gardeners and all garden expenses are borne by them" in para 3 of this office Ref. No. 3573/28-1 dated 22-5-28 was perhaps superfluous. Occupiers of Government residences are in any case "responsible for the proper care and upkeep of the trees, shrubs and hedges in the compound." No extra expense will be required of any occupant, in that he would have to keep a garden even were the trees not there.

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And it is thought that the condition suggested could reasonably be made a condition of occupation.

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3. Para 2 of the Memorandum. The [illegible]

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17/8/28

Om. No CB13 I/28-2 d. 17-8-28

Planting Trees - D.F.O's Quarters Chengalpet -
C.C's Ref. No. 3573/28-2 d. 5/7/28

R/18/8/28

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The CC is requested to report whether the sum of Rs 200/- represents the actual expenditure incurred in 1927-28 on the planting works or the amount allotted for the works by the Forest Engineer.
If the latter is the case, he is requested to report the actual expenditure incurred in the planting works.

Dy
16.8.28

Kp.
16/8/28

To Mecc Despd 17/8/28

Issued
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Dev. 3143/1
18.10.28

Refce. 3573/28. Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests

Chepauk, Madras, dated the 15th Octr. 1928

From

A. Wimbush Esq., I.F.S.,

Ag. Chief Conservator of Forests

To

The Secretary to Government,

Development Department.

Sir,

Subject:- Planting of trees - District Forest Officer's quarters - Mangalore.

Refce. Government memorandum, Development Department No. 1613-I/28-2 dated 17-8-1928.

Rs. 200 was the amount allotted and the actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 198-11-0.

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Chief Conservator.

Cast/6/10

Subject:- D.F.O's quarters at Mangalore- Planting of of trees.

P/6. C. No 1613-I from the C.C.F. No 3573/28-1 dated 22-5-

To Under Secretary,

Please see C.C's letter at page 1 c.f. The C.C. requests that

P/6 ibid (1) planting trees in the compounds of the D.F.Os' quarters at Mangalore may be sanctioned and

(2) the Forest Engineer's action in having spared a sum of Rs 200 during 1927-28 for the plantin work from the grant for the construction of th quarters may be approved.

2. Item (1) above.

pp 2 – 5 c/f. From the reports of the D.F.O., Collector and the Conservator, it would appear that it is necessary to plant trees in the compounds of the D.F.Os' quarters at Mangalore. But none of the reports submitted by the C.C. contain definite information as to what the total expenditure for planting trees will be. A sum of Rs 200 has already been spent and the C.C. say that the funds required to meet the expenditure will be met by re-appropriation. But before sanctioning the present porposal it seems desirable to ascertain from C.C. what the total expenditure will be for planting the trees.

Another point which requires consideration now is the cost of maintaining the garden. The C.C. says that ' the D.F.Os will be allowed to enjoy the usufruct of the trees with effect from 1-4-29 provided the compounds are maintained at their cost and the pay of the gardeners and all garden expenses are borne by them'. The C.C. does not definitely say that the D.F.Os concerned have agreed to this arrangement. It may be mentioned that the newly planted trees will not be yielding anything for some years and the present D.F.Os who are liable to be transferred to other Forest Divisions may not like to incur the expenditur

connected with the upkeep of the garden before the trees bear fruits. It seems therefore safer to ascertain from the C.C. whether the D.F.os concerned have agreed to maintain the garden as suggested by the C.C. Otherwise, the cost of ~~xx~~ maintaining the garden will also ~~xx~~ have to be taken into account before sanctioning the present proposals.

3. Item (2) on page 1 supra.

G. O. No 245 W dated 16-2-25 specifically lays down that no expenditure from public funds on planting trees or improvements to a garden in the compound of a residential building should be incurred without the express sanction of the Govt. in each case. In the presen case the Forest Engineer might have over-looked the Govt. orders referred to above when he ~~xxxxxxx~~ spared Rs 200 for planting work. As the sum involved in the present case being small, the Govt. may approve the action of the Forest Engineer as recommended by the C.C. whil e issuing final orders on this case.

4. Subject to orders on the points mentioned in para 2 above a draft O. M. to the C.C. is submitted for approval.

10-6-28

Apparently the Forest Engineer overlooked G.O. No 245-W dated 16-2-25. His action may now be approved.

The C.C. may state that if Govt. sanction to proposal the D.F.Os will be allowed to enjoy the usufruct of the trees with effect from 1-4-1929 provided they pay the gardeners & meet the other necessary expenses. I doubt whether the above proposal is workable -

It is not likely that the D.F.Os could get any advantage from 1.4.28 as it may take some years before the trees yield any fruits. Even for the trees to provide sufficient shade it would take years. Also obtaining the consent of the present occupants will not be of much use as they are liable to transfer. I submit these difficulties may be pointed out to the C.C. and we may ascertain from him what he has to say.

The C.C. may kindly also state the total expenditure to be incurred in his proposal.

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Yes. Ag.

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Table.

Draft put up submitted.

Yes.

As above.

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pbg [O/M No 1613-I/28-1 of 22-6-28 to the C.C.-7].

107 cf. 6.29 [C/No 1985-I from the C.C. No 3573/28-20 of 5-7-28

To Asstt Secy

Please see C.C's reply at pages 1-8 cf. The C.C. says that the final object of planting trees is only to give shade and that no expenditure is involved, as the upkeep of the garden as the occupants are responsible for the proper care and upkeep of the trees. If the final object is only shade, the

it is for consideration whether it will not be better to leave the planting of trees to be done by the occupants themselves. Every year if the occupants require shade trees they can plant a few trees and look after them and thus gradually increase the number of trees year by year. The planting of so many trees at the same time (as now proposed by the C.C) may entail some expenditure on the part of the occupants for their upkeep and as such there is every likelihood of the newly planted trees being neglected. The total expenditure for planting trees is reported to be Rs 400/= and it is for consideration whether it is worth while to spend this amount especially in view of the fact that no adequate provision is made for the upkeep of the trees. For orders.

17-7-28

I doubt whether the view taken by the C.C in para 2 of his letter at page 4 cf. is correct. It may not be possible to insist on the tenant employing a mali to take care of the trees. However as it will be to the interest of the tenant to protect & take care of the plants the CC's proposal may be supported.

Attention is invited to AC's letter at page 1 C.S. wherein he states (para 5) that Rs200/- has already been spent on this & that the F.E's action in having done so may be approved.

27/7/28.

The Chief objection to the proposal is that it is a departure from the practice in vogue in other departments. A second objection is that with the practice be extremely difficult to ensure that future tenants look after the trees, by watering & otherwise tending them, until they have sufficiently grown as to be self-supporting. Rate of Rs 200/- is a comparatively essential, & the money already spent may be sanctioned.

To Under Secretary

A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance.

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SECRETARIAT SECTION
31 JUL 1928
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

1613-I/28-2
-7-28.

Dy No 81/7.

Finance (Exp').

It is not clear whether the sum of Rs.200 referred to in the draft order represents the actual expenditure incurred in 1927-28, or the amount allotted for the work by the Forest Engineer. Submitted that the Dev. Dept. may be requested to ascertain definitely from the Chief Conservator of Forests what the actual expenditure on the work was.

2. Development may also be requested to inform the C.C. of Forests that no expenditure should have been incurred on the work without the express sanction of Govt. — see G.O. 245-W 8/16.2.1925.

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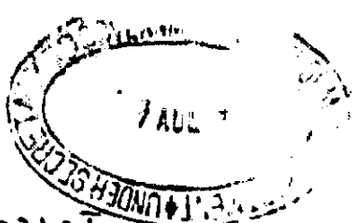

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7.8.28

Ad draft on the file is submitted with reference to para 1 of Finance note. Action with reference to para 2 of Finance note may be taken when final orders are issued on the case.

C.I.B

7.8.28

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p/c 1 Loan No 1613-I/28-2 of 17-10-28 to the CE>I.

p/c Cf. Loan 3143-I from the CE No 3573/28 of 16-10-28.

To under Secy

Please see C.C.'s reply at page 10 Cf. This information was called for with reference to para 1 of Finance note on page 6 supra. A revised draft order embodying Finance instructions in para 2 of their note on page 6 supra is submitted herein for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance.

22-10-28.

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Dy.Sec.No. 1613-I/28-4.

25-10-28.

Dy 25/10

Finance (Exp)

(Previous Finance note on page 6 ante)

Submitted that the draft order as now revised may be accepted, subject to the alteration indicated in pencil.

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27.10.28. Dy.S. u/p

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The pencil alterations suggested by Finance may be accepted. For

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Forests

Buildings — DFO's quarters at Mangalore — Planting of Shade trees - CC's proposals — Orders passed.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 245-W, dated 16 — 2 — 1925.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1613-I From the C.C.I., No. 3573/28-I, dated 22-5- 1928

" " Ord No 1613-I/28-1 dt 22-6-28 fr the C.C.I. 192

C985-I from the CCI No 3573/28-2 dt 5-7-28
Ord No 1613-I/28-2 dt 17-8-28 fr the C.C.I.

" " 3143-I " " C.C.I. " 3573/28 " 15-10-1928.

ORDER.

This. 7/6/11 Dy.

No. 1888, dated 6-11- 1928.

The Govt approve of the ~~Forest Engineer's action in having~~ expenditure of ~~Rs~~ 198-11 ~~sanctioned~~ incurred during 1927-28 for planting work from the grant for the construction of the DFO's quarters at Mangalore. They do not consider that any further expenditure for planting trees should be incurred.

1. The C.C. is informed that no expenditure should have been incurred on the work without

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the express sanction of the Govt.

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